

# ***News from the Wyoming Department of Health***

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## **Applicants Sought for Parent Leadership Training**

Local residents are encouraged to apply to participate in an innovative family leadership training program being offered by the Wyoming Department of Health.

The “Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)” is a 20-week training designed to help parents and other interested adults become effective advocates on behalf of children. The program will be offered locally at the Cheyenne Family YMCA in collaboration with the Connecticut Commission on Children.

The deadline to submit applications is February 8. The first class in Laramie County will begin with a retreat on February 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The first weekly class will be on February 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. Meals and childcare are provided during class sessions.

“Many parents have the motivation and will to change children’s lives,” said Angi Crotsenberg, interim section chief for maternal and family health at the Wyoming Department of Health. “This unique learning opportunity will develop advocacy skills for parents to go along with their interest in improving things for community families.”

“Parents and others in the program will work to sharpen their interpersonal and public communication skills,” Crotsenberg said. “They’ll also gain a better understanding of government, media and civic relations.”

Applications and more information about the training program are available from Charla Ricciardi by calling 307-777-6921 or sending an email to [charla.ricciardi@health.wyo.gov](mailto:charla.ricciardi@health.wyo.gov).

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